

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2004**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: David W. Ingram, Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Vice Chairman; Diane B. Belcher, Jerry W. Boothe, Kerry W. Whitlock, Board Members; George W. Nester, County Administrator; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the handicapping statement.

Agenda Item 2 - Mr. Harold Wingate and Mr. Don Thomas, Wingate and Associates; and Mrs. Maggie Sutphin, Commissioner of Revenue, appeared before the Board.

Mr. Wingate reported that reassessment notices were mailed today to all property owners in the County. A report on the different classes of property and the increases was presented to the Board as information. The differences shown are between the 2004 land book and the new reassessment figures. The largest change was in acreage, at an average increase of 76%. An average increase of 51% was realized across all taxable property. The last reassessment revealed a 48% average increase. Most of the values are based on 2003 sales and the first three to four months of 2004 sales.

Mr. Wingate also presented a proposed press release for the Board's consideration. The release does not include any reference to percent increases, it just gives an outline of the procedures.

Agenda Item 3 - Consideration of ordinance amendment adoption - "Ordinance Establishing Assessment for New Buildings Within Floyd County, Virginia". Mr. Nester commented that the proposed amendment had been properly advertised, and the Board had a public hearing on October 12, 2004 at 3:00 p.m., with no comment from the public.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the amendment addition "This ordinance shall not be effective in any year in which a General Reassessment is conducted except for new class four buildings (industrial/commercial)" to the ordinance known as "Ordinance Establishing Assessment for New Buildings Within Floyd County, Virginia" (Document File Number).

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye

Agenda Item 4 - Consideration of budget for Floyd County Rescue Squad. Mr. Steve Love, Mr. Fred Jones and Mr. Roger Hollandsworth, representing the Floyd County Rescue Squad, appeared before the Board. Mr. Ford Wirt, Emergency Services Coordinator, also joined the discussion.

Mr. Love commented that this change from volunteer rescuers to paid staff to a joint effort between County paid and volunteers, has been a tough situation for everyone involved. We fully support the change and the Board of Supervisors. The proposed budget includes all services and expenses for both the volunteer rescue squad and EMS.

Mr. Hollandsworth presented the proposed budget to the Board. He commented that an eight member committee prepared the budget, which consisted of the Rescue President, Treasurer, Captain, Equipment Sgt., Motor Vehicle Sgt., and one member from each of the three stations, at large. The proposed budget for 2004-05 is included, along with actual costs from 2002-03 and 2003-04.

The proposed budget includes the following line items:

Expenses

- Radio equipment - pagers, radio equipment in vehicles, cell phones in vehicles;
- Emergency medical supplies;
- Emergency equipment (new) - Two Zoll monitors (for heart patients) at \$15,000 each;
- Emergency equipment (replacement) - tools for new crash truck;
- Insurance - all insurance carried, which includes building and grounds, injury and accident, liability and vehicle;
- Cleaning supplies;
- Office equipment/supplies - copy paper for classes is the biggest expense along with computer supplies;
- Professional dues - required fees for State certifications;
- Building repairs - \$7500 normally; \$10,000 set aside for Station #1 and #4;
- Training - Continuing education units for volunteers and paid staff;
- Utilities - higher costs and more usage with 24/7 hours;
- Vehicle - Operations Chief with equipment - this purchase will probably not happen - will probably use a vehicle that is already purchased;
- Vehicle - ambulance replacement - scheduled rotation for Station #3;
- Vehicle - maintenance - more vehicles on the road;
- Vehicle - fuel - more vehicles on the road and higher fuel costs;

Revenues

- Four for Life Funds - received from DMV from tags/permits fees;
- Fund-raising - photo campaign;
- General donations - we do not know the impact from fee for service will have on our donations - we put this item low;
- Letter campaign - sent to all residents for volunteers and funding;
- Memorials - funds we receive when families direct donations to us instead of flowers when they have had a death in the family;
- Miscellaneous - general catch-all line item;
- Cardiac savings - for purchase of heart monitors;
- Fire/Rescue Contingency - for vehicle for Chief - will probably be dropped out;
- Vehicle replacement fund - Fire/Rescue capital budget;
- Floyd County - contribution from the County.

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Belcher, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$59,200 to the Floyd County Rescue Squad budget, from Contingency, and approve their proposed budget in the amount of \$314,200.00.

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye

Supervisor Ingram - aye

On a motion of Supervisor Boothe, seconded by Supervisor Whitlock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn.

Supervisor Boothe - aye
Supervisor Belcher - aye
Supervisor Whitlock - aye
Supervisor Gerald - aye
Supervisor Ingram - aye